

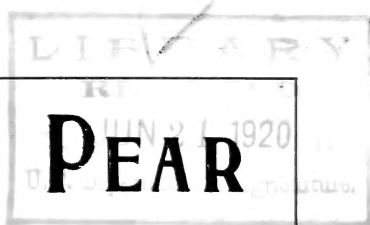
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# THE SUDDUTH PEAR

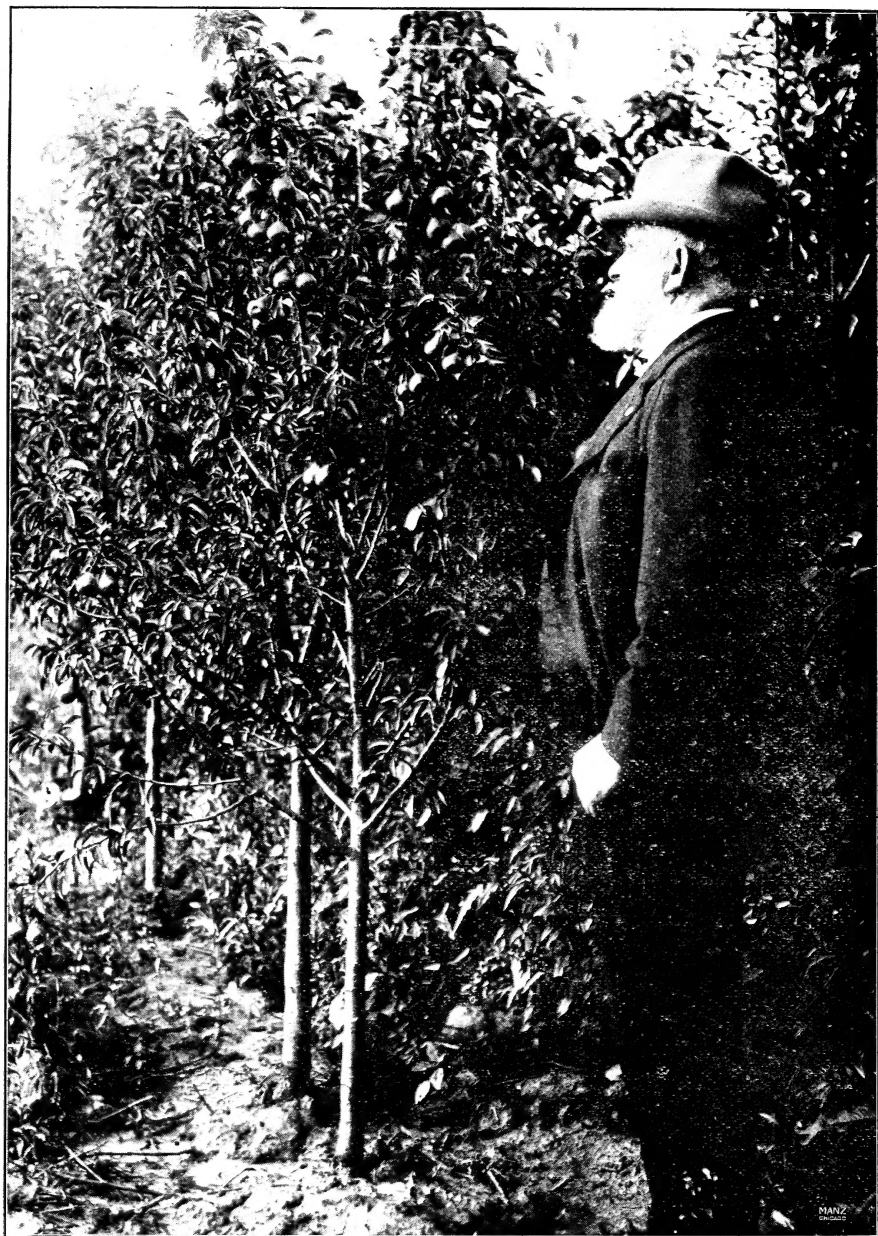


## AUGUSTINE & COMPANY

EXCLUSIVE PROPAGATORS

GENERAL NURSERYMEN.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS.



#### **SUDDUTH PEAR TREES BEARING IN THE NURSERY ROW.**

Three years old from the graft. One of these trees had over 500 blossoms upon it and matured as much fruit as it was able to carry.

I hereby certify that the accompanying photograph of Sudduth Pear trees, bearing in the nursery row, was taken by me in Augustine & Co.'s Nursery, at Normal, Illinois. Photograph taken August 1, 1900.

D. H. SHANKLIN, Photographer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August, 1900.

H. J. SCHAEFFER, Notary Public.

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## TO THE PUBLIC

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FIRST EDITION JUNE 1, 1895; SECOND EDITION, JAN. 1, 1897; THIRD AND FOURTH EDITIONS OCT. 1, 1899; FIFTH EDITION JAN. 1, 1900; SIXTH EDITION REVISED FEB. 1, 1901. . . . . EVERY CLAIM ORIGINALLY MADE FOR THE SUDDUTH PEAR HAS BEEN FULLY SUSTAINED. . . . .

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IN bringing this new pear, "The Sudduth," before the public, we claim, without any hesitancy whatever, that, all things considered, it is the most worthy new fruit ever introduced. Although it is comparatively a new fruit to the public, it has a record of eighty-one years, and has been subjected to nearly every test that can be given a pear. It has not only withstood these tests, but in every instance has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. We shall not attempt to go into detail in this introduction, but ask you to read the statements of those who are even better acquainted with its characteristics than we are.

The demand for literature on this wonderful pear has necessitated the publication of the sixth edition of this catalogue, revised. The Sudduth Pear is no longer an experiment, but a success in the fullest sense of the word. The young trees are now bearing fruit in widely scattered sections of the country, and the trees are planted in every state in the Union, as well as in many foreign countries. From thousands of reports received, we have yet to receive the first one in which every claim originally made for this fruit has not been fully sustained; and we have yet to learn of a single bud or branch being injured either by the severest winter weather or by the blight. The winter of 1898 and 1899 was one of the most severe in the history of the country, and yet reports from the northwest were that the Sudduth Pear went through the winter with no injury whatever, while Keiffer and other varieties of pear and many varieties of apples were killed. Even some of the hardier forest trees were injured.

The Sudduth is as hardy as an oak. The character of the growth is similar to that of a forest tree. The original tree is eighty-one years old, fifty-five feet in height, trunk over ten feet in circumference. The Sudduth makes one of the most beautiful ornamental trees grown. They are perfectly uniform, strong, thrifty, upright growers, and have been pronounced by many equal or superior to the hard maple as an ornamental and shade tree, being much more rapid in growth, so much so that they are being planted quite extensively for street trees in many places.

It frequently occurs that an original seedling does well, while its progeny is a failure. In this instance we have grafted trees ranging as follows: Sixty-nine years, fifty-three years, forty-seven years, thirty-nine years and ten years of age—the latter coming into bearing when only four years from the graft, being transplanted from the nursery in the meantime, and the old tree, eighty-one years old, though all broken and crippled by the weight of the enormous loads of fruit it has borne, is still in a perfectly healthy condition, the same as all the younger trees.

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## THE SUDDUTH PEAR

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Is in the list of fruits recommended by the Illinois Horticultural Society, reports 1894 to 1900.

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After the most careful investigation we have failed to find a single instance in which any of the trees, after reaching bearing size, have ever failed a crop. We have made a very careful examination to ascertain whether or not the trees show any signs of blight or disease, and in no instance has anything of that nature been discovered by us or any of those who have been familiar with the tree for more than fifty years. It is the only blight-proof pear known. The old trees in Sangamon county have been neglected and blighting trees have been allowed to remain around them, and yet no trace of blight has been discovered on them. We have in our own experimental grounds several Sudduth in very close proximity to blighting trees. There are over 200,000 of these trees growing in the nursery, and not one of them has shown any indication of blight. Experiments at inoculation have been tried, and yet the most virulent form of blight inserted into the growing wood has not even made a black spot.

The fruit, which ripens about the first to the fifteenth of October, is of medium size. The color is a greenish yellow; skin stronger than common; comparatively seedless and coreless; meat clear through; no gritty substance so common in pears. The fruit has always brought the highest market price wherever known, and is preferred to all others in the locality in which it originated. The quality cannot be excelled for both dessert and canning fruit. Its exceptional freedom from worms and insects is very noticeable.

The testimonials which we publish are from men who have not only had the opportunity to know and are thoroughly posted as to what they say, but are men of prominence and unquestionable standing in their various fields of labor; and in publishing these statements we have been at some loss to know just what ones to use. We have endeavored as much as possible to select those which cover the case sufficiently, and yet avoid repetition. The reader will also note that we are publishing testimonials from men engaged in fields of

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PORT BYRON, ILLINOIS, Jan. 12, 1901.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I got four of your Sudduth Pear trees a year ago last fall and two last spring. They grew so well and look so fine that I shall want some more this spring if I can get them from you. Please let me know and send me price-list of general stock.

Yours truly,

SAMUEL BEAMER.

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labor of great diversity and yet their opinions seem cast in the same mold.

The demand for trees has been so great that up to the present time it has taxed us to the utmost to fill our orders. We desire to say for the benefit of our customers that we are now better prepared than ever to fill our orders, having on hand an exceptionally fine stock of symmetrical trees. We bud our Sudduth upon imported French pear

stocks, the hardest stocks known. The trees which we send out, unless otherwise ordered, are two years old, thrifty, well-branched. We can offer a limited stock of one-year-olds. The interest manifested in the Sudduth by the friends of horticulture has been so marked that we have much pleasure in sending forth this pamphlet on its mission feeling confident that we are offering something which fills a long felt want, something that all persons interested in improved horticulture desire.

Sincerely yours,

AUGUSTINE & CO.

**Our trees are  
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## TO FOREIGN LANDS.

### Normal's Goods Last Week Started on a Long Voyage by Land and Sea.

Last week shipments were made to three distant ports, namely, Argentine Republic, South America, Japan and Cape Town, South Africa. This week shipments were made to France and New Zealand. These facts were made known at the *Morning Call* office last week, and upon investigation it was found that Augustine & Co., Normal's leading nurserymen and propagators of the famous Sudduth Pear, had made shipments of these pear trees to Japan, South America, France and New Zealand. This shows that Augustine & Co. are general advertisers and supply many parts of the world with their goods.

*The Normal Morning Call, April 22, 1899.*



OUR . . .  
GUARANTEE

**W**E guarantee every Sudduth Pear tree that we send out, true to name. We own or control all the wood of the Sudduth Pear, and are exclusively the propagators of this variety. For the benefit of our customers we are protected by copyright and registered trade mark No. 26311 granted by the United States Patent Office, March 26, 1895.

Every Sudduth Pear tree which we send out bears our registered seal and trade mark. None genuine without it.

We cannot **caution** the public too strongly on watching for this seal on **every Sudduth Pear tree they receive**. The enormous demand that has been created for the **Sudduth Pear** since its introduction has tempted a number of unscrupulous tree men to sell it, and fill their orders with common varieties. We will give a reasonable reward to anyone furnishing us sufficient information for the conviction of any party doing such fraudulent work.

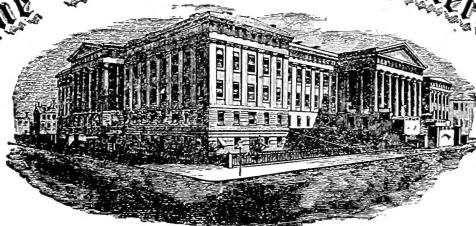
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## Augustine & Co.'s Statement.

**W**E do not claim that the Sudduth Pear will never blight, that the tree will bear every year in the future, that the fruit will always be seedless and without core, as the future is known only to the Infinite, but we have simply given in this booklet what the trees have done and are doing now, and have backed these facts up by statements from men of national reputation, which cannot be doubted by reasonable and intelligent people. We believe we have discovered the wonder of the age in horticulture, and unhesitatingly offer it to the public as such. To any who are still skeptical, if they desire it, we can furnish additional testimonials, as we have plenty more in reserve, or what is better still, we invite you to come and visit the trees at Normal and Williamsville.



# The United States of America



To all to whom these presents shall come:

This is to Certify That by the records of the UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE it appears that

*Augustine Hea*  
*of Normal, Illinois*  
 did, on the *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*  
*1895*, deposit in said Office for REGISTRATION fac-similes of a certain

## TRADE-MARK

for *Beer-Trees*  
 and the date of the receipt thereof was duly noted and recorded; that on the *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*, *1895*, they deposited therewith a statement, and a written declaration under the oath of *Henry Augustine*, a member of said *firm*, copies of all of which are hereto annexed; and the said *firm* having made the payment of a fee of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, and complied with the regulations in such cases prescribed by the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, and in all other respects complied with an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1881, entitled "An Act to authorize the Registration of Trade-Marks and protect the same," the said fac-similes, statement, and declaration were duly recorded, and the said TRADE-MARK has been duly registered in the said PATENT OFFICE this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, *1895*, one thousand eight hundred and *ninety-five*, and protection therefor will remain in force for THIRTY YEARS from said date unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 5 of said Act

In testimony whereof the seal of the Department of the Interior

is hereto affixed this *twenty-sixth* day of *March*, *1895*, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and *nineteenth*

Given under my hand, at Washington, D.C.

*Wm. H. Brewer*  
 Commissioner of Patents.



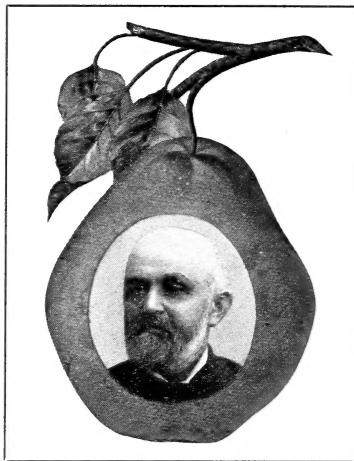
Thomas Constant in 1820 planted the seed from which has sprung the original Sudduth Pear tree. Though only two years younger than the State of Illinois it is still vigorous and bearing. . . . .

## The History of the Sudduth Pear.

**T**HE COMPLETE plan of this booklet the first page should be given to the picture of Mr. Thomas Constant, the man whose one act of planting a little seed 81 years ago has started a revolution in the growing of this noble fruit.

Thomas Constant was born in Virginia, August 14, 1776. Moving from thence to Xenia, Ohio, from where he, in the year 1820, emigrated to Illinois, and entered land from the government in Sangamon county, near Williamsville; a man who was known far and near by the early settlers as one of the sturdy and strong men of the earlier days, whose manly strength and wisdom did much to mold the social and political affairs in his part of the state. Had his death not occurred so long ago, viz: in the year 1840, before the art of photography was practiced in this country, his picture would have the place of honor in this booklet. This, however,

would be insignificant compared to his old Sudduth Pear which has raised up to his old Sudduth Pear the storms for stands today a vigorous fruit each year, the surrounding record of having to mankind than it would seem that was the outgrowth characters of the Illinois with whom associated. The ing on the Sudduth from Judge Logan was one of the largest in this state, owning which he oversaw being president of at Springfield. Mr. financial interest whatever in the propagation of this now famous pear, but had often expressed an earnest desire to our Mr. Augustine that the progeny of this tree be scattered throughout the land, and that this marvelous gift of nature should be a blessing to all mankind.



It was through some younger trees we propagated for Mr. Sudduth twelve years ago and planted on his property at Normal that our eyes were opened to the worth of this wonderful pear, though we, like others, had heard of it many times before. These young trees bore fruit so young, grew so rapidly, and were such beautiful trees that we began to realize that this pear had more than ordinary qualities.

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WHEN last fall I received an invitation from Augustine & Co., to join a party to visit the original Sudduth Pear tree I had only one thought in mind concerning the trip. I thought I was going on an excursion with a pleasant party of people to see a tree about which Mr. Augustine was somewhat over-enthusiastic. I knew Mr. Augustine was one of the most prominent horticulturists of the country, having been president of the Illinois State Horticultural Society for a number of years and director of state experimental stations, having charge of the Illinois fruit exhibit at the World's Fair, besides having introduced and disseminated a number of now well known and valuable fruits. I had heard much about the old tree and had seen pictures of it time and again, but all these did not make a very deep impression. It was not until I stood in the shadow of the old giant, the king of all trees, that I began to realize that Mr. Augustine had much room for enthusiasm, and I was reminded of the saying of the Queen of Sheba of old, who visited Solomon and exclaimed: "The half has not been told me."

When one thinks that from that single seed, carried from Ohio by the sturdy old pioneer who planted it seventy-nine years ago, was to spring a tree that was to become one of the wonderful products of the nineteenth century, one begins to realize the wonderful workings of a Providence in whose plans there is no such a thing as chance.

A few years ago, as centuries go, the pear blight began to attract attention. Since that time scientists have labored in vain to find a preventive or remedy for the disease. In spite of every effort the disease comes, spreads devastation and man is impotent to prevent its ravages. But in a remote neighborhood of Illinois stood a tree that was to bring hope and stand untouched by disease through all the years, bearing never-failing crops of delicious fruit while on every hand all of its kind fell beneath the visitation of the destroyer. The story I told the forty thousand readers of *The Farmers' Voice* attracted much attention through the length and breadth of the land. The people were eager to know more. An extra edition was printed and in a short time the supply was exhausted, and now the story is printed in this little pamphlet. Augustine & Co. have asked me to re-write it if I wish but I shall not do so. The story is a plain statement of what I saw of the tree and its descendants, and of the stories I heard concerning it one summer day. To re-write the story would not be to add anything of interest. One who has stood in the shadow of the original Sudduth Pear tree and realized what it is and what it is destined to be in the horticultural history of this country must feel how far short words fail of telling all its story. It is a marvelous example of the mysteries of the Providence of God; it is the beginning of a new era in fruit culture, the first and most wonderful of its kind.

Chicago, March 28, 1899.

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## Sudduth Pear

THE Sudduth Pear is so interwoven with the history of the State of Illinois, being itself only two years younger, and was so famous even in the earlier days that it numbered among its acquaintances and friends some of the most prominent men of the state and nation. Judge Logan, who owned the farm on which the original tree stands for a number of years, and Abraham Lincoln were law partners. It is proverbial even to this day among the oldest inhabitants, the enormous loads of delicious fruit the old tree bore a half century ago when pears were seldom seen in Illinois and

**The History of the Sudduth Pear is closely interwoven with that of Illinois, Judge Logan and Abraham Lincoln in early days.**

apples were a luxury so that it takes but a little imagination to picture Abraham Lincoln telling some of his famous stories between bites of Sudduth Pears. Judge Logan and Mr. Lincoln were life-long friends. He, with three or four other intimate friends of Lincoln, assisted in the skillful manipulations that secured Lincoln's nomination for the presidency in 1860, and his ultimate election. In 1861 Judge Logan served as one of the leading members of the National Peace Conference that met in Washington for the purpose of compromise to avoid the conflict threatening between the north and south. Judge Logan was, by common consent, at the head of the bar in Illinois and his picture is one of the three oil paintings adorning the Supreme Court room at Springfield.



THE STORY TOLD THE 40,000 READERS OF  
THE FARMERS' VOICE. . . . .

## THE WONDERFUL Sudduth Pear Tree.

WHO among the readers of *The Farmers' Voice* knows that one of the largest pear trees in the world is in Illinois, and who among all the farmers of Illinois knows that one of the wonders of the world is within twelve miles of the state capital? Within the last three or four years a good many people have heard of the "Sudduth" pear, and have read the descriptions of it sent out by Augustine & Co., of Normal, Ill., who are the exclusive owners of the original stock and control all the trees which have been propagated from it, but none will be impressed with the wonders of the great tree until he has visited it, stood under its shadows, and tried to reach around it. There, where it is surrounded by aged apple trees, it stands towering above them all, a very giant among trees, and one of the largest of all its kind in the known world. Not alone in size and age is it remarkable. The fruit it bears is first-class in quality and during the whole of its seventy-eight years of growth no touch of the blight that is so fatal to all other pear trees, has ever reached it, and today it is growing as vigorously as it did in the summer of 1821, when that old pioneer, Thomas Constant, carefully watched the vigorous shoot that came from the seed he had carried from Xenia, Ohio, and planted with care in his new home in what was then the wild and remote frontier of civilization. Some hint of the interesting history of this tree came to *The Farmers' Voice*, and a few days ago a member of the editorial staff paid a visit in company with others interested, and what was seen will be found in this article, in which an effort has been made to state facts exactly as secured from men who have been born and grown old since the seed was planted from which the tree grew.

Arriving at Williamsville, Sangamon county, on an early train, our party met, by merest accident, a great-grandson of the man who planted the tree, now a middle aged man, but an infant as compared with the age of the tree. With him it is the memory of a life-time; as far as he is concerned it has "always been there." Securing a carriage the party drove about five miles through a beautiful farming country, hearing from John R. Jones, an old settler who accompanied us, a very interesting story of the country en route. At last we came to the farm on which the old pear tree is situated, and long before reaching it we got a glimpse of its top-most branches towering above the trees among which it stands.

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Driving along a farm lane we enter the orchard in the midst of which is the objective of the journey. The first sight of the tree is impressive. It stands in a very old orchard, the trees in which have been allowed to grow skyward without any attempt to cut them back. The pear tree towers far above the tallest of them and its branches bend with the load of fruit it carries. As we alight and walk toward the tree we begin to realize that it is of monster size. The writer, who can spread his arms along a wall and touch points six feet apart, gets on one side and a friend on the other and we vainly try to touch finger tips around the tree five feet from the ground. We touch on one side, but on the other Mr. Jones tells us our fingers are twelve inches apart. The tree comes out of the ground without a show of roots, as if it were a post set there, yet a foot above the surface its circumference is over ten feet. The old tree has been broken time and again with the weight of the fruit it has borne, but this has not interfered with its vigor, for the tips of its branches show a growth of two feet this year on many of them.

The crop of fruit this year is said to be small, but there is anywhere from thirty to forty bushels of pears on it. These pears are of medium size and are borne in pairs, triplets, and quartets, etc., as many as seven being counted in some of the clusters. The fruit was not ripe at the time of our visit, but it is universally esteemed in the country where it grows, ranking with the Seckel, and is practically coreless, seeds being very rarely found in the fruit, and seed cases, such as are found in other pears and in apples, are entirely absent. In fact the fruit is solid clear through, and in canning or preserving the fruit is not cut except to pare it. In fifteen bushels that were examined by a lady who was putting them up but two seeds were found. The eaves are leathery and thick and perfectly free from any sign of rust or blight, and the appearance of the tree shows that the fatal pear blight never has touched it.

After being photographed under the tree the party drove to the home of Titus Sudduth, who now owns the land on which the tree stands. Here we are feasted on watermelon, while Mr. Sudduth tells that he first saw the tree in 1834 and has never known it to fail a single year in bearing a crop. We learn that Judge Logan, the law partner of Abraham Lincoln, once owned the tree, and from other anecdotes come to learn how closely is local history wrapped around the tree we have just left. During the time Judge Logan owned the tree he rented the farm to a man who gave him half of everything, and it is on record that one year the judge got sixty and one half bushels of pears as his share of the product of the big pear tree.

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Saybrook, Ill.,  
Jan. 5, 1901.  
*Augustine & Co.,  
Nurserymen,  
Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of Jan. 3, 1901, was received yesterday and can say that I have two Sudduth Pear trees that are two years old and one of them bore 85 pears. They are just what they are recommended to be.

Yours very truly,  
DANIEL ROSE.

The melons we ate at Mr. Sudduth's home farm were eaten under the shadow of a graft from the original tree which is seven years old. This tree two years ago measured fourteen inches in circumference, and at the time of our visit measured twenty-six inches. Its spread of limbs is over twenty feet by the tape line and its height was found to be twenty-nine feet three inches. This, with other trees from scions cut at the same time,

is loaded with fruit, and all of them began bearing the third year from the graft, being once transplanted when the grafts were a year old. They were planted in a door-yard where a tough blue grass sod covers the surface and have never been cultivated in any way. Mr. Sudduth now owns the Judge Logan farm, and the original tree, which Augustine & Co. control, stands on land forming a part of the 13,000-acre farm of Mr. Sudduth's. From Mr. Sudduth's place we drove to the home of Ira Knights and there found the oldest descendants of the original tree, two magnificent specimens grown from grafts taken in 1852. These trees are absolutely loaded with pears, it being estimated that there are 16,000 pears on one of them. Both the trees are vigorous and show no signs of injury, except where limbs have been broken by heavy crops. From here we went to visit Stephen Yocum, a patriarch of more than four score years, who, with his aged wife, have resided almost their whole lives near the big pear tree. Mr. Yocum has a descendant of the original tree from a graft taken thirty-

six years ago. This tree has been prevented from breaking by being propped, and is as symmetrical as if it had been carefully trained, although it bears no evidence of ever having felt the pruning knife. Mr. Yocum said this tree had borne as many as seventy-five bushels of fruit in a year, and had never failed a single year since it began to bear.

At the home of J. W. Yocum we found five more Sudduth Pear trees grafted by Mr. Yocum's father fifty-four years ago, all growing vigorously and



**A BLOCK OF ONE-YEAR-OLD SUDDUTH---Over Six Feet High.**

PHOTOGRAPHED AUGUST, 1900.



loaded with fruit. Mr. Yocum's home is an ideal farmer's home, surrounded by fruit trees, among which were running some very fine light Brahma fowls, Pekin ducks and White Holland turkeys.

By this time the whole party began to feel that dinner should come in somewhere on the program, and at the home of Nathan Hussey the dinner was found. A large table was spread in the yard and lunch served there, while Mr. Hussey answered questions fired at him concerning the big pear tree and his experience with it.

He said these trees were the only survivors of many pear trees of different varieties that had been planted. The blight had taken all but the Sudduth, which had never been touched by the disease. He has never known the blight to affect the Sudduth Pear and his knowledge of it dates back more than half a century.

On our way back to Williamsville we went through the farm of Mr. Jones and saw the Sudduth Pear on his place, a beautiful tree like all the others covered with ripening fruit. Truly this pear is remarkable in many ways. Its vigorous growth, early bearing and freedom from blight places it at the head of all pear trees. It does not grow up-rightly as other pears do, but when given

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room to spread out it makes a conical-shaped tree almost as wide as it is high, and furnishes a dense shade, making it an ideal shade and ornamental tree as well as a fruit bearer. It has been tried since the present owners became interested in it, in every part of the country and in all kinds of soil, and seems perfectly hardy everywhere, making the same vigorous growth and coming into bearing at an early age. In its freedom from blight it stands alone among all the pears known and this alone is enough to recommend it, but it has the further merit of bearing fruit of excellent quality for every purpose for which such fruit is used.

The limits of a newspaper article are entirely too small to give the tree its full due. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill., have published a very interesting history of the tree, giving many photographic illustrations of the original and its descendants and statements from old settlers who have known it all their life. They have promised to present one of these books to every reader of *The Farmers' Voice* who asks for it, and we hope our friends will take advantage of this offer and send for the book at once. What we have seen convinces us that the Sudduth Pear is the best and now that it is possible to get trees from scions cut from the original Sudduth we hope they will not fail to take the matter up and act upon it at once.



# THE HISTORY OF THE SUDDUTH AS TOLD BY SOME OF THE PATRIARCHS OF ILLINOIS. . . .

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

SHERMAN, ILLINOIS.

DEAR SIR:—I first knew this wonderful pear tree in 1835, the seed of which was brought from Xenia, Ohio, and planted in 1820 by Mr. Thomas Constant, who entered the land from the government. Later on, about 1845, the size of the tree, its heavy bearing quality, as well as the superior quality of the fruit, attracted so much attention among the old settlers that I observed it more carefully, and in 1862 I bought the farm on which the tree now stands from Judge Logan, of Springfield, Abraham Lincoln's early law partner. I am confident that for the last forty years the tree has never failed a single year to bear a crop of pears, and to the best of my judgment it has borne eighty bushels of pears in a season, and during the last forty years I have annually eaten pears from the tree and myself and employees regard them as a very delicious fruit. I have never seen any wormy pears nor a blighted leaf on the old tree nor any of trees grafted from it. I regard it as a more hardy and more prolific bearer than the natural wild crab-apple. In addition to its good qualities as a dessert fruit, the pear is much sought after for canning and preserving, and when sold by my tenants has always brought the highest market price wherever known. I would estimate the height of the tree before the top was broken by heavy loads of fruit to have been over 55 feet, the trunk measuring over ten feet in circumference. I have also a number of young trees propagated by Augustine & Co., of Normal, Ill., which are six years from graft, and three years after setting out in the orchard they fruited. I have also observed the five trees which were grafted more than fifty years ago from the old tree by Mr. Yocum, and find in them the same characteristics which the old tree possesses, *i. e.*, long life, hardiness, productiveness, annual bearers, vigorous growth, etc. During these years other varieties of pear, Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Duchess, Seckel, etc., have been planted in the vicinity and one generation of them after another have passed away, but the old tree still stands as a landmark of much interest, especially to the old settlers.

Sincerely yours,

TITUS SUDDUTH.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have lived within a few miles of the old Judge Logan (Sudduth) farm for forty-two years, and have been familiar with the famous Sudduth Pear tree all these years, and know it as a constant, annual and a very abundant bearer. I have two trees growing on my farm,



Tree  
planted  
from seed  
in 1820.

Became  
Famous  
in 1845.

Hasn't  
Failed to  
Bear in  
40 years.

Bore 80  
bushels in  
a season.  
No wormy  
Fruit.

Over 55  
feet high;  
10 feet in  
circumfer-  
ence.

Bore in 3  
years after  
setting out.

Has out-  
lived all  
other  
varieties.



Known  
Original  
Tree for  
42 years.

Two  
grafted  
trees 52  
years old,  
never  
failed  
to bear  
abundantly.

Free from  
Blight and  
Other  
Diseases.

A pear tree  
that is a  
regular  
producer of  
good fruit  
and does not  
blight can  
be no dis-  
advantage  
to a man.

grafted from the old Sudduth Pear tree, which are 52 years old; I have known them since 1852, and in all these years they have never failed to bear each season, but, like the parent tree, they have borne abundantly every year. The trees are badly broken by heavy loads of fruit, and yet they bear annually about twenty-five bushels each. During the years I have lived on the farm people came from far and near to get the pears, and what we did not give away we could sell at the highest price paid for pears. We always considered it in our family as very choice fruit, better than any we could buy in the market.\* Other varieties of pears were always considered a failure in our section. I am also familiar with the five trees on J. W. Yocum's farm, grafted from the same tree, of about the same age as that of mine, and can say that they have, in every respect, the same characteristics as are found in the old tree, and also in mine. All the trees named are, and have been, free from blight and other diseases all these years. The trees are regarded by me and the people here generally as having more good points than any other fruit we have ever known.

Respectfully yours,

IRA KNIGHTS.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

I fully agree with the above statement made by my husband, Ira Knights. I have lived on the farm above named from my childhood, and have known the trees from the time they were grafted by M. W. Ellis and planted by I. B. Stewart, my brother. I also know the other trees named by my husband, and can say their good record dates back as far as I can remember, to 1840.

MRS. ROXANA S. KNIGHTS.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, January 14, 1901.

*Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—The long association I have had with S. T. Logan, as a member of his family since 1866, has given me more or less familiarity with the famous Sudduth Pear trees now producing abundant crops, though about 81 years old. As long as Judge Logan owned this farm, located near Williamsville, Illinois, and up to the time he sold it to Mr Sudduth, he was always confident of getting some rent from it, even though corn, wheat and oats all failed, for this faithful old pear tree was ever true to its instincts and yielded fruit after its own kind abundantly just as regularly as fruit season came around. I don't know just how much this great tree had to do with the success of its respective owners, but I am prompted to say in this connection that the two men who have owned it since my knowledge of it, Judge Stephen T. Logan and Mr. Titus Sudduth, were both very remarkable and wonderfully successful men. Certainly a pear tree that is a regular producer of good fruit and does not, so far as I have ever heard, blight, can be no disadvantage to a man and ought to contribute to his prosperity just in proportion to the number he may have on his place. Since retiring from the dry goods business twenty years ago I have become largely interested in

farming operations and have taken quite an interest in horticulture, and I assure you it has afforded me great pleasure to know that you have taken hold of the Sudduth Pear and are making a successful effort to introduce it into every orchard you can reach. Hoping your success may be commensurate with the good qualities of the Sudduth Pear, I am  
Yours sincerely, L. H. COLEMAN.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have lived in the vicinity of the old Judge Logan farm since 1835, on which the old Sudduth Pear tree now stands, and have known the old tree since 1833, and it was then a good sized bearing tree. The two trees now growing on my farm were grafted by me thirty years ago from scions cut from the old Sudduth tree, and they have borne every year since they first came into bearing, never failing a single crop and usually bearing very heavily. The trees on my brother's farm, where J. W. Yocum lives, were grafted by my father sixty-four years ago. I have been interested in fruit growing in this state and also in the state of Kentucky, but I regard this as the best pear I know of, and certainly the trees are the most vigorous, hardy and long-lived pear trees I ever knew.

Very truly yours, STEPHEN YOCUM.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Illinois.:*

DEAR SIR:—I bought my farm of Stephen Yocum in 1860. Previous to this, Stephen Yocum's father had grafted two trees of the Sudduth Pear, which, at the time I bought the place, had been in bearing some four years. Both trees had borne pears every year since without a single failure, and frequently bear from thirty to forty bushels each in a season, until about two years since a heavy storm destroyed one of the trees. The other is vigorous and healthy. I regard it as the best pear for eating, as a dessert fruit and for canning and preserving I have ever seen. It is free from blight, etc. Sincerely yours, JOHN R. JONES.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I do hereby certify that while I was on the Thomas Constant farm, now owned by Titus Sudduth, located three and a half miles west of Williamsville, Ill., there were produced from the old pear tree on the farm an average of sixty bushels each year for the four years I lived there, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875. During the four years I was on the farm, Mr. Walter Lawrence offered me \$1 each for all the seeds I would furnish him which would grow. I ate five bushels of the fruit and never found a seed; in fact, never saw a seed in any of the pears off this tree.

R. E. GENTRY.

[SEAL.] Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1895.

ED. L. GROVES, *Notary Public.*



Have  
known  
Old Tree  
60 years.

Most  
Vigorous,  
Hardy and  
Long  
Lived.

Grafted  
Trees  
bear 30 to  
40 bushels  
a year.

Best Pear  
for Eating,  
Canning  
and Pres-  
serving.

Sixty  
bushels  
each year  
for four  
years.





**THE ORIGINAL SUDDUTH PEAR TREE—Near Springfield, Ill.**

55 feet high, 81 years old, over 10 feet in circumference.

As can be seen from the above cut, the photograph being taken with that aim in view, most of the larger branches and the main stem are broken off by the weight of enormous loads of fruit the tree has borne, yet the tree stands to-day in a perfectly healthy condition, a landmark for all the surrounding country. The apple trees growing alongside the old tree are Rawle's Janet, over 40 years old.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—Mr. Thomas Constant came from Xenia, Ohio, in 1820, and brought with him the seed of a pear and planted the same on the farm he entered from the government, near Sherman, Illinois, from which the old Sudduth Pear tree was grown. I afterwards became the daughter-in-law of Thomas Constant, and have been familiar with the old pear tree, now 74 years old. I have known it all these years as a constant bearer and a very remarkable tree. I have lived within one mile of the tree ever since it was planted, and it has never blighted and has always been an annual bearer.

Respectfully yours, MRS. MARY M. ELLIS.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, May 28, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have lived for 40 years within a few miles of the original Sudduth Pear tree, planted by Thomas Constant, my father's uncle, on Mr. Titus Sudduth's farm near Williamsville, Illinois, and can testify to the fact that the tree has been an annual bearer as well as an abundant bearer during all these years.

Yours truly, W. S. CONSTANT.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—In reference to your recent letter of inquiry will say that Mr. Thomas Constant, who planted the original Sudduth Pear tree, was my grandfather. I am 57 years old and have recollections of the old tree as far back as I can remember. I have always considered it a great treat to get pears off of the old tree, as I liked them better than any other pears I could get, except those on Mr. Ira Knight's place, which are grafts from the old Sudduth tree and planted by my Grandfather Stewart, on my mother's side, some fifty-four years ago. The trees are annual bearers and free from blight; the pears are the best I ever saw. I understand you are propagating the Sudduth, and, if it is possible, I should like to get a few of the trees to plant out for myself.

Yours respectfully, W. F. CONSTANT.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I was born on the farm I now occupy, and as far back as I can remember, about thirty-five years, the five trees grafted by my father from the old Sudduth tree in 1836, were in bearing. I have no recollection of either of the five trees ever failing to bear each year and usually they have been heavily loaded with fruit, in fact, frequently breaking the trees. The fruit has always been in demand and sought after at the highest price. I consider it one of the best varieties of pear I ever ate, and for canning, pickling, and preserving, there is none better.

Yours truly,

JNO. W. YOCUM.

Seed from  
Xenia,  
Ohio.

Tree  
74 years  
old and  
never  
blighted.  
An annual  
bearer.

Fifty years'  
acquaint-  
ance.  
Has borne  
annually.

Best  
Pears I  
Ever saw.

Five trees  
Loaded  
with fruit.  
Never  
Failed to  
Bear.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I am personally acquainted with John R. Jones, R. E. Gentry, Mrs. Mary M. Ellis, John W. Yocum, Ira Knights, Mrs. Troxana Knights, Titus Sudduth, W. F. Constant and W. S. Constant, who have given testimonials in reference to the famous pear tree on the farm of Mr. Titus Sudduth, and other pear trees in the vicinity which have been grafted from this tree. Their reputation for veracity is unquestioned. They are all persons of excellent standing in this community, in regard to moral worth, and some of them also in a financial way. Have no reason to doubt any of the statements made by them, but on the other hand, can corroborate them in part from my own personal knowledge, especially in reference to the famous Sudduth Pear tree, for when a boy, 37 years ago, I lived within a mile of this tree and can assure you that its fruit was much coveted by the people of the neighborhood and especially by the boys; to them it was "forbidden fruit" in a great measure, for the tenant on the farm at this time had both dogs and guns and the tree was zealously guarded. Of the fruit of the other trees in the orchard we could eat, but of the fruit of this tree we were commanded not to eat, except by special permission. Had some of the fruit of this tree last season, by the courtesy of the present tenant, and it tasted just as good as it did 37 years ago.

Yours truly,

W. L. PERCE,

*(Cashier Williamsville Bank.)*

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 12th inst. to hand, and I am pleased to be able to look over so many interesting statements in regard to the Sudduth Pear tree. I have seen the tree myself, in company with Mr. Sudduth. It is immense in size and is widely known in that part of the country. It happens that I know the credibility of John R. Jones, Mrs. Mary M. Ellis, John W. Yocum, Ira Knights, J. F. Yocum, Stephen Yocum and Mrs. Troxana S. Knights, of Williamsville, and Titus Sudduth, of Sherman, and James A. Stone, of Bradfordton; W. F. Constant and W. S. Constant, who have given testimonials in regard to the Sudduth Pear, and they are of our very best citizens; their veracity and integrity are above reproach. I sincerely trust that the Sudduth Pear will have the success it should have, the very best.

Yours very truly,

B. F. CALDWELL,

*(State Senator, President Farmers National Bank of Springfield.)*

GREENUP, ILLINOIS, November 7, 1900.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I bought two of your Sudduth Pear trees last spring and they are doing finely.

RS. ELIZABETH HAGA.

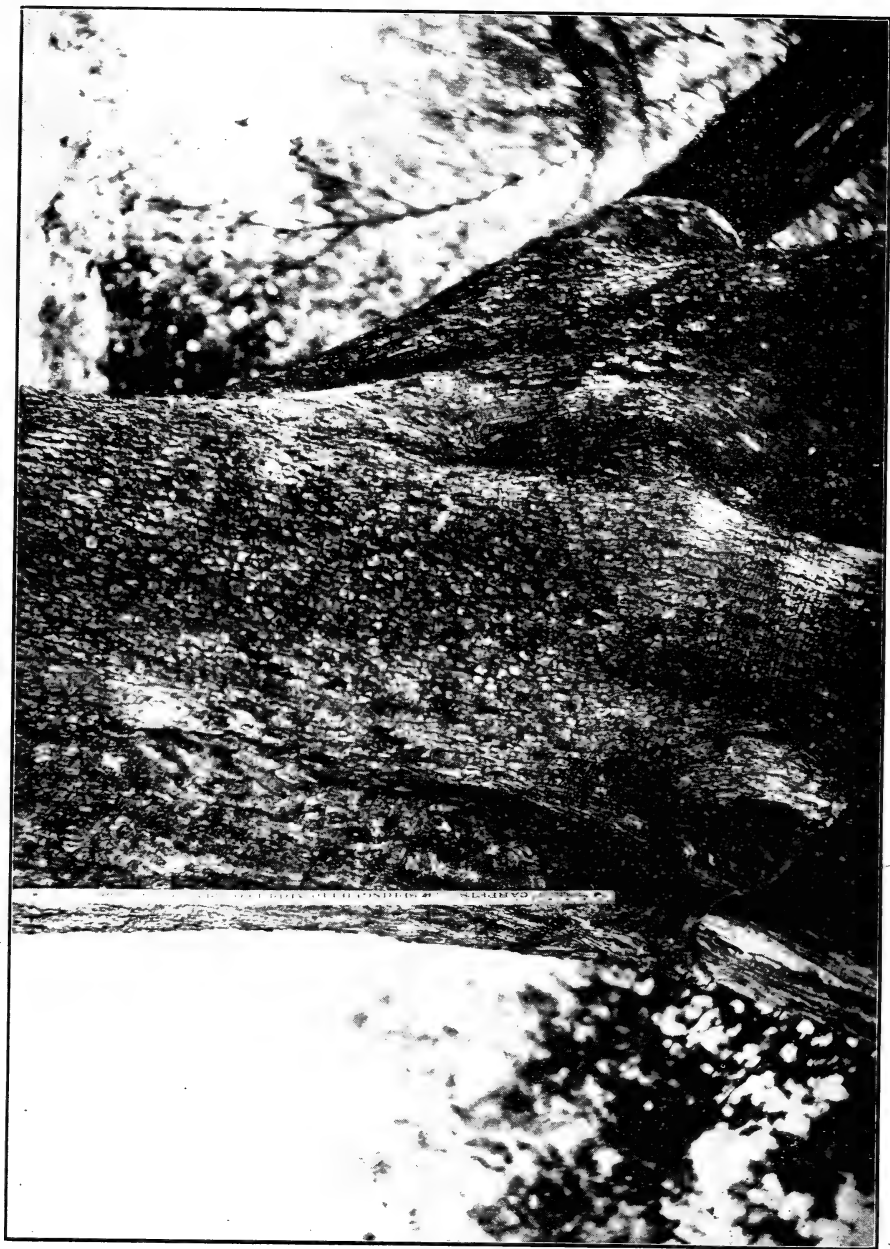
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**TRUNK OF THE ORIGINAL SUDDUTH PEAR TREE.**  
**A SECTIONAL VIEW.**

Showing the remarkable size and health of the old trunk, with yard stick.  
Photograph taken August 21, 1896.



WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I take pleasure in saying that the parties who have given you testimonials regarding the good points in the Sudduth Pear, living in and about Williamsville, are responsible, and further, that yourselves and the public can depend upon their statements which must be true to the most minute point. Wishing you the greatest success with the Sudduth Pear, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. F. PRAETHER,

*(President Williamsville Bank and Vice-President American Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Breeder of Shorthorn cattle.)*

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, February 13, 1901.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—My father bought a farm near Williamsville, Illinois, from Stephen Yocum in 1860. Previous to this time Stephen Yocum had grafted and planted a tree of the Sudduth Pear. I was born on this farm in 1869, and as far back as I can remember the tree has borne an annual crop, usually from twenty to forty bushels.

The trees are large and very vigorous in growth. The pear is of medium size, very fine quality, almost entirely free from seed and core. Father's family, although married, get their annual supply of pears from this tree. I have also known the original Sudduth tree, now over 80 years old, and the others in the neighborhood. They are exempt from blight and considered remarkable trees in this section.

Yours truly,

MILTON E. JONES,

*(Importer and breeder of Draft horses and Shorthorn cattle.)*

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, February 15, 1901.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have been acquainted with the Sudduth Pear for 18 years, having gathered the fruit on my father-in-law's, J. R. Jones', farm. I am also acquainted with the other old trees in the vicinity of Williamsville and am free to say that the trees bear annually and are the largest fruit trees that I ever saw. The fruit is of very excellent quality, both for canning and for a dessert fruit. We regard it the most valuable fruit that we have. The trees are free from blight and never fail to give a good crop, for which there is always a ready sale. I am glad to recommend it to the world. I have six young trees growing which are three years old and I expect them to bear next year.

C. R. TAYLOR,

*(Of the firm of Williamsville Importing Company, importers of Percheron and Shire horses.)*

The Public can depend upon their statement, which must be true to the most minute point,

An entire family has always gotten their annual supply of pears from one tree.

Trees bear annually. Largest fruit trees I have ever seen.



## THE SUDDUTH IS FREE FROM BLIGHT AND DISEASE. . . . .

All trees visited show healthy vigor and vitality.

Found the tree we have been looking for.

Not the slightest trace of blight.

Have never seen any signs of blight.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—I am greatly obliged to you for having called my attention last fall to that remarkable seedling pear tree found growing in your state, near Springfield.

As director of the experiment stations established by the Iowa State Horticultural Society, I have been constantly on the lookout for old and new fruits that seemed promising for trial at our stations, and especially for a pear tree that is perfectly adapted to our prairie soil and climate. Having just returned from a special visit to that wonderful seedling pear tree now named and known as "The Sudduth Pear," and from the evidence of the tree and from information concerning it there obtained, I believe the great desideratum has at last been found. After seeing the original tree and interviewing Mr. Sudduth, on whose land the tree is growing, and other persons in the vicinity, I found that the statements concerning it as to origin, age, bearing, etc., were fully corroborated. I not only visited the original tree, but others within a radius of six miles that had been propagated by grafts, ranging in age from six to fifty-eight years, all showing the same characteristics of health, vigor, vitality, and general appearance. I was especially particular to notice as to any signs of blights, but failed to detect the slightest trace of it on any of the trees, old or young.

This fact, to me, is one of the most valuable and important items of merit in a pear tree, freedom from the greatest curse and bane to pear culture—blight. If the quality of the fruit is as represented, this pear will be a valuable acquisition to western horticulture. I hope it will be disseminated as speedily as possible and given a trial throughout the west. I shall want some of the trees for our trial stations. Yours truly, G. B. BRACKETT.

Colonel Brackett is at present U. S. Government Pomologist. He held the same position during President Hayes' administration; was late secretary and is now vice-president of the American Pomological Society; was also superintendent of Horticulture Department at the New Orleans Exposition, and chief of the Pomological Department at the Centennial Exposition; was commissioner to the Paris Exposition in 1878, and superintendent of the U. S. Pomological division of the Department of Agriculture at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and judge in the Department of Horticulture.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, May 28, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have never seen any signs of blight or disease on the original tree nor on any of the other trees propagated from it.

Yours truly, W. S. CONSTANT.

The trees are annual bearers and free from blight; the pears are the best I ever saw. I understand you are propagating the Sudduth, and, if it is possible, I should like to get a few of the trees to plant out for myself.

Yours respectfully, W. F. CONSTANT.

I have lived within one mile of the tree ever since it was planted, and it has never blighted and has always been an annual bearer.

Respectfully yours, MRS. MARY M. ELLIS.





**A SECTIONAL VIEW OF A 7-YEAR-OLD SUDDUTH PEAR TREE.**

On the home place of Mr. Titus Sudduth, near Williamsville, Illinois. This tree and seven others were grafted by us in the spring of 1889; transplanted from the nursery in 1891. They bore their first crop of fruit in 1893. Photograph taken August 21, 1896.



## THE QUALITY OF THE SUDDUTH PEAR.

I regard it as the best pear for eating, as a dessert fruit, and for canning and preserving, I have ever seen.

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN R. JONES, Williamsville, Ill.

Uniform  
shape,  
very  
smooth  
skinned  
and of  
excellent  
quality.

Never  
saw a seed  
in any  
of the  
fruit.

Prematurely  
ripened  
Sudduth  
considered  
superior  
even to  
fully  
ripened  
Seckel.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, May 28, 1895.  
*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I regard the fruit of excellent quality.

Yours truly, W. S. CONSTANT.

I had the pleasure of eating some of the Sudduth Pears last season; also some of them canned. I find them of uniform shape, very smooth skinned and of excellent quality. The canned ones were equal to any canned pears I have ever eaten. Meat clear through with hardly any signs of core.

J. W. ALDRICH,  
(*President First National Bank of Normal, Ill.*)

I regard the pear as among the best, if not the very best, I have ever known, and for cooking, canning and pickling it excels all others.

Respectfully yours, MRS. MARY M. ELLIS.

GENTLEMEN:—I consider them the best pear raised, both for eating and preserving. During the four years I was on the farm, Mr. Walter Lawrence offered me \$1 each for all the seeds I would furnish him which would grow. I ate five bushels of the fruit and never found a seed; in fact, never saw a seed in any of the pears off this tree.

R. E. GENTRY.

The fruit has always been in demand and sought after at the highest price. I consider it one of the best varieties of pear I ever ate, and for canning, pickling and preserving there is none better.

Yours truly, JNO. W. YOCUM,  
Williamsville, Illinois.

DOWNES, ILLINOIS, October 12, 1897.

I was convinced of the bearing qualities of the tree, its hardness, freedom from blight, etc., which, if the quality of the fruit was sufficiently good, would leave nothing to be desired, and that was one of the principal reasons I made this trip. We were at Williamsville some weeks before the fruit was ripe, but we tasted some that had been picked and put in the cellar and allowed to ripen prematurely. We were told these would give us some idea of the quality of the fruit, though we must not judge it entirely from these specimens, but when we compared them with some well-ripened Seckel pears, we considered the Sudduth superior even to these. We were thor

M. E. SAVAGE,  
(*Farmer and Fruit Grower.*)

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 2, 1900.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

For the last two falls I have had the privilege of eating some of the celebrated Sudduth Pears. Am frank to say that the flavor is very excellent, and it is the nicest pear that I have ever eaten.

JNO. M. ELLIOTT, M. D.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, October 1, 1900.

Recently I had an opportunity to eat some of the Sudduth Pears, and am pleased to say that this pear is of medium size, rich and juicy, and of fine aromatic flavor, comparatively free from core and seeds, and in my judgment, a very desirable dessert fruit.

J. Y. THORP,  
(*Fruit Grower and Dealer in Groceries.*)



NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 20, 1900.

I have tested the Sudduth Pear and regard it among the best pears I have ever eaten.

DAVID FELMLEY, *President Illinois State Normal University.*



NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 21, 1900.

*To Whom it May Concern:*

It has been my pleasure on more than one occasion to sample the Sudduth Pear. I cheerfully testify to its excellent qualities of flavor and richness.

E. A. FRITTER, *Superintendent City Schools.*

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 20, 1900.

I have had the opportunity frequently in the past four years to eat the Sudduth Pear, and say unhesitatingly, that I regard it the richest and best flavored pear I have ever eaten.

DR. J. W. CRIGLER,  
(*Proprietor Normal Novelty Works.*)

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 20, 1900.

I have frequently had the pleasure of eating the Sudduth Pear, and in my judgment it is as finely flavored fruit as I have ever tasted. So many pears have a woody and tough texture, but the Sudduth is very fine, and when ripe almost melts in your mouth. Very truly,

C. S. NEELD, *Postmaster.*

With permission of *The Western Fruit Grower* we print the following:

MAGNOLIA, ILLINOIS, December 27, 1900.

*Editor of The Western Fruit Grower, St. Joseph, Mo.:*

DEAR SIR:—In a non-partisan way I wish to say this about the Sudduth Pear. I got five trees, five years ago, of Augustine & Co. Last year one of them grew three pears, which we picked October 1 and ate October 15, and found it a medium, juicy, sweet, almost coreless pear. I had the Birkett once and the fruit always cracked and rotted. The Sudduth seems perfectly healthy in growth and fruit; it is remarkably vigorous in growth and foliage. I should not want a better canning pear than the Sudduth.

H. K. SMITH.

## SOME PLANTS OF SUDDUTH PEARS.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, March 27, 1895.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

DEAR SIR:—The matter of getting some Sudduth Pear trees for my Bellflower farm had about escaped my attention. I am too busy to look after the thing in person, and wish you would send 150 of your largest and best trees to me at Bellflower, McLean county, Illinois. I concluded that this year I would put in about fifty on each farm, near the house, and hereafter set out a large number.

While I know nothing personally about this pear, I have heard so much about it of late, and have known you so intimately and well, and having absolute confidence in the truthfulness of the representations made by you, there is not the shadow of a doubt in my mind but that this pear is all that it is represented by you and by Mr. Titus Sudduth to be, and must, it seems to me, soon become the leading fruit of its kind in the country.

Very truly yours, (GENERAL) JOHN McNULTA,  
(*Receiver Distillers' and Cattle Feeders' Association.*)

COBDEN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, July 10, 1899.

In the spring of the year 1896 I planted fifty trees of Sudduth Pear, propagated and grown by Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill. They have grown very nicely, have never shown any signs of blight in either leaf or twigs, and so far are satisfactory in every way. It is a rapid growing variety.

Very truly, T. E. GOODRICH,  
(*Orchardist; Ex-President State Horticultural Society.*)

Richest  
and best  
flavored  
pear I  
have ever  
eaten.

No more  
finely  
flavored  
fruit  
than the  
Sudduth.

Gen.  
McNulta  
hears so  
much of  
this pear  
he wants  
150 trees.





NORMAL, ILLINOIS, July, 1899.

I am living within a few rods of Augustine & Co.'s nursery, and have observed the growth of Sudduth Pear trees, and after investigating carefully and finding the statements concerning the bearing quality, the size and hardness of the trees, the quality of the fruit, etc., to be correct, I this year planted 220 of the trees. I have again visited the trees today, July 5, 1899, and am surprised at the heavy bearing in contrast with the other pear trees in the same vicinity—the Sudduth loaded with all the fruit it can bear. My brother, who joins my farm, has also planted 120 Sudduth Pear trees.

C. D. PIERCE, *Fruit Grower.*

SUBLETTE, ILLINOIS, June 20, 1900.

Not until after I visited the old trees at Williamsville, Ill., among them the parent tree, did I realize fully that the half had never been told in the circulars published by Augustine & Co., of Normal, Ill.

The 80-year-old tree still stands like a giant of the forest and loaded with all the fruit it can carry, and the same can be said of the two trees over sixty years old on Ira Knights' farm; also the five trees some sixty-five years old on John W. Yocum's farm. The 38-year-old tree on Stephen Yocum's farm is not only loaded with fruit, but is a marvel of beauty. The seven nine-year-old trees in Mr. Sudduth's yard are as pretty a lot of trees as I ever saw, the limbs already bending with the fruit.

One thing more interested me. It was to see the Sudduth bear in the nursery row of Augustine & Co.'s nursery. I expect to plant on my own farm at least one hundred trees and have already given my order for them.

W. E. BROWN.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, July 8, 1899.

*Capt. H. Augustine, Normal, Ill.:*

My orchard of 120 trees, now in the second year since planting, is a thing of beauty. Would not part with the orchard and the promise, with the pleasure it affords, for \$1,000. The Sudduth Pear, with all the qualities essential to the production of a pear equal, and in many respects superior, to all other varieties now grown, is no longer an experiment. The test has been made. No longer is there room for speculation or doubt. The verdict is rendered. The Sudduth Pear wears the crown. Holds the post of honor modestly, but meritoriously.

H. J. SCHAEFFER,

(*Real Estate and Notary Public.*)

PLYMOUTH, ILLINOIS, September 19, 1900.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have returned from a trip to the original Sudduth Pear trees, and after having carefully examined into the claims made for this variety, I have become fully convinced that every claim made is true, and I expect to plant 100 of these trees. You will please book my order for same, also 150 peach trees of the leading varieties and 50 apple trees. I shall send you list of varieties at an early date. Yours truly,

REV. F. STORAR,  
(*Pastor Congregational Church.*)

TABOR, IOWA, September 25, 1900.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith enclose my order for 60 Sudduth Pear trees to be shipped in the spring of 1901. I visited the original trees in company with the party of September 4, and after having carefully examined the same and taken the testimony of the old residents in that vicinity, I am thoroughly convinced as to the truthfulness of the claims made for this fruit and the merits of the same. Yours truly,

J. N. COLBY,  
(*Proprietor of the Colby Fruit Farm. Fruit plants and nursery stock.*)

WEST LIB-  
ERTY, IA.,  
Dec. 21, 1900

*Augustine &  
Co.:*

GENTLE-  
MEN:—

After see-  
ing such  
beautifully  
shaped and  
vigorous  
trees from  
2 to 10 years  
of age, and  
eating  
some of the  
most excel-  
lent fruit, I  
placed my  
order for  
150 trees.  
I could not  
help it.

S. B.

OSBORN.



# THE HARDIHOOD OF THE SUDDUTH HAS BEEN PROVED



## SOMETHING NEW IN PEARS

In the midst of so many complaints of fruit ruined by frost, it is a pleasure to find one variety, especially a pear, able to stand the severe cold snaps of this spring. Of all pears in this locality, it seems that the Sudduth Pear alone stood the ordeal unscathed. An *Advocate* man, in examining all the specimens of pear that he could find this week, found, on cutting them open, that they were badly injured from the frost and rotten at the core, even most of the apples were affected the same way, but the Sudduth Pear was healthy, clean and fresh as before the frost. This is one of the many excellent qualities of the Sudduth Pear. Augustine & Co., of this city, have control of the Sudduth, and certainly cannot help but feel highly elated over the remarkable test it has recently received and passed through successfully.—*Normal (Ill.) Advocate, June 1, 1895.*

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have been interested in fruit growing in this state and also in the state of Kentucky, but I regard this as the best pear I know of, and certainly the trees are the most vigorous, hardy and long lived pear trees I ever knew. Very truly yours,

STEPHEN YOCUM.

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, May 20, 1899.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

MY DEAR SIR:—The Sudduth Pear trees stood 46 below zero here and are now growing vigorously while very many Keiffer are dead to the ground or drying up after putting forth leaves. We have had the hardest spring on trees I ever saw since 1855. We have had no rain to speak of since last fall. The damage to fruit trees is almost beyond computation. Even elm trees, in many instances, show damage by the severe cold.

J. L. BROWN,

(Nurseryman and Fruit Grower).

OSKALOOSA, IOWA, January 25, 1900.

*Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—As to the hardness of the Sudduth trees, I believe them to be as hardy as any forest tree in this country, for the terminal buds on all my Sudduths last spring, after the thermometer had registered 30 below zero, were as green and fresh as ever, as was the entire stock of the tree. I have great faith in the Sudduth Pear for this cold climate.

Yours very truly,

REV. W. P. SOPHER.

FRUITA, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, July 3, 1899.

*Messrs. Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:*

GENTLEMEN:—It pleases me to report that the fifty Sudduth Pear trees that I planted in the spring of 1897 went through the winter in very good shape and lost no trees, and they made a good growth.

The altitude here is 4,700 feet above the sea; the soil a red sandy loam, and we irrigate exclusively, and cultivate the young trees constantly. Most peach and pear trees in this valley were winter-killed last January.

Wishing you success with this grand pear tree I remain,

Yours truly,

A. C. HOLTRELL,

(Illinois Agent of the German-American Insurance Company.)

The Sudduth stood the cold where all other fruit was injured.

Most vigorous, hardy and long-lived pear trees I ever knew.

Stood the cold at 46 degrees below zero.

Another Severe Test.

A Western Record.





## HARDINESS OF THE SUDDUTH PEAR

As reported by the Superintendents of the Iowa State Experimental Stations, and published in the Reports of the Iowa State Horticultural Society:

Blight has killed all of the pears that were planted on our grounds except the Sudduth.

—*Experiment Station, Osage, Iowa. State H. Report, 1896, p. 201.*

Out of the thirty-eight varieties of pear which we have growing, there are but two varieties that give any promise. These are the Mongolian and Sudduth.

—*Experiment Station, Waukee, Iowa. State H. Report, 1898, p. 103.*

The only varieties of pears in the station at this time are a few Sudduth, which show remarkable vigor in the tree. They have never blighted and at the present time are loaded with buds.

—*Experiment Station, Waukee, Iowa. State H. Report, 1899, p. 119.*

The Sudduth Pear trees came through without apparent injury, which speaks well for their hardiness.

—*Experiment Station, Des Moines, Iowa. State H. Report, 1899, p. 122.*

My Sudduth Pear trees are healthy and promising.

*Experiment Station, Cedar Falls, Iowa. State H. Report, 1899, p. 161.*

GLASFORD,  
ILLINOIS,

Jan. 24,  
1901.

*Augustine  
& Co., Nor-  
mal, Ill.:*

Dear Sirs  
—I shall be  
pleased to  
have you  
send me  
your price  
list for  
spring of  
1901, as I  
want to  
send you  
another or-  
der this  
spring.  
Your trees  
did so fine-  
ly and  
grew so  
good, es-  
pecially  
the four-  
teen Sud-  
duth Pear  
trees.

*Yours truly,*  
SIMON F.  
ROELFS.

## SOME ENDORSEMENTS.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

The nursery business, above all others, requires for its management thorough reliability of character and excellent business tact, combined with a full knowledge of the specialty. I believe these qualifications are possessed by Mr. H. Augustine, of Normal, Ill., in an unusual degree among those who successfully follow the business. I trust what he says. T. J. BURRILL,

*(Professor of Botany and Horticulture, University of Illinois.)*

I have known Capt. Henry Augustine, of Augustine & Co., nurserymen, Normal, Ill., for ten years, and am pleased to say that I consider him one of the best posted and most reliable propagators and growers of nursery stock in this country, and believe the firm is worthy the confidence of the people. I believe the Sudduth Pear, which they control, has great merit, and is all it is claimed to be.

M. H. HAMILTON,

*(Cashier First National Bank, Normal, Ill.)*

I fully concur in the above statement and consider Capt. Henry Augustine the best posted in fruit propagating of any person in this country.

J. W. ALDRICH, *President First National Bank, Normal, Ill.*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Capt. H. Augustine is one of the most prominent horticulturists of this state, and his labors in connection with improving the quality of the various fruits grown in the state, have been of incalculable value. He is a gentleman of high character and has the confidence of all who know him.

JOHN P. ALTGELD, *ex-Governor of Illinois.*





# RECENT TESTIMONY ON THE ANNUAL BEARING AND BLIGHT PROOFNESS OF THE SUDDUTH . .



MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS, July 12, 1899.

I have this day seen a Sudduth Pear tree on the grounds of Captain Augustine, said to be eight years old and to have been transplanted twice in the same lot with twenty pear trees of other varieties, and decided by actual observation that it contained more fruit than they all. I also saw a one-year-old orchard of 120 trees of extraordinary growth and beauty in the town of Normal, on ground valued at \$1,000 per acre, and personally knowing many of the men whose testimony is given concerning the Sudduth tree, I am persuaded that its wide planting will add much to the comfort and wealth of the west.

REV. DR. RICHARD HANEY,

Chaplain G. A. R. Department of Illinois.

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, June 29, 1899.

Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN:—I have just been around with a party visiting the Sudduth Pear trees in this vicinity. Found all the old trees from 36 to 79 years old with the usual crop of fruit, all they can mature without injury to the trees. The young trees, eight years old, at Mr. Sudduth's house are loaded with fruit, and are making a very rapid growth. The foliage on the old trees is as good as it has been for years. Other pear trees in the neighborhood are blighting badly, while the Sudduth shows no signs of injury.

IRA KNIGHTS, *President Sangamon County Farmers' Institute.*

I was with this party and I concur in Mr. Knights' statement.

NATHAN E. CONSTANT, *Farmer and Stock Raiser.*

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, June 27, 1900.

Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN:—My two Sudduth Pear trees 58 years old are as usual loaded with fruit. This, however, is a very common thing, as they have not failed since my acquaintance with the trees, more than 45 years ago. The young trees on the Sudduth home farm and the other old trees in the vicinity of Williamsville are all loaded, the limbs already bending with the fruit.

Very truly yours,

IRA KNIGHTS,

(*President Sangamon County Farmers' Institute.*)

WILLIAMSVILLE, ILLINOIS, June 27, 1900.

Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your inquiry will say that the five Sudduth Pear trees, now over 60 years old, are again loaded with fruit, and I understand that all the other trees in this section, old and young, are loaded, as they usually have been. In fact, I have never known them to fail a single year, as far back as I can remember, for 35 or 40 years. Will be glad to meet you and your friends when you come to visit the trees. Very truly yours,

JOHN W. YOCUM.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, June 27, 1900.

Augustine & Co., Normal, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to yours of the 26th, will say that the nine-year-old Sudduth Pear trees on the farm near Williamsville, as well as the old parent tree 80 years old, and the other old trees in the vicinity, are as usual loaded with fruit, all they can mature. Will be glad to meet any of your friends who may come to see the trees. Very truly yours,

THOMAS SUDDUTH.

WILLIAMSVILLE,  
ILLINOIS,  
July 7, 1899.  
*H. Augustine:*

Dear Sir:  
In reply to your letter of yesterday will say, that the five Sudduth Pear trees on my place are bearing enough to make a good crop. It would be an unusual thing indeed for the Sudduth Pears to make a failure, as they have borne a good crop every year since I can remember, and that is over 36 yrs.  
*Yours truly,*  
JOHN W. YOCUM.



I HEREBY certify that the photograph of this Sudduth Pear tree, myself standing under it, is a true likeness of the tree I purchased from AUGUSTINE & Co., Normal, Ill., in the spring of 1896, being one year old from the graft. The tree is growing on my farm at Flanagan, Ill.

Photograph taken in August, 1898.

[SEAL] JOHN DILLON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January, 1899.

[SEAL] C. C. STUDLEY,  
J. P.



One of the many instances of the Early Bearing Qualities of the Sudduth.



FLANAGAN, ILL.,  
June 1, 1900.  
AUGUSTINE & Co.,  
Normal, Ill.

*Gentlemen:*

Both of my Sudduth Pear trees, planted four years ago this spring, are bearing fruit this year. The one in the photograph has 300 or 400 pears on it now. I would not take \$100 each for my two trees. I never saw two prettier trees.

JOHN DILLON.

This Tree, the Same as Appears in the cut above, was photographed August 1900, 13 in. in circumference, 16 feet high.

## EARLY AND ANNUAL BEARING QUALITIES,

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, July, 1899.

I have seen the eight-year-old Sudduth Pear tree, now bearing its sixth crop, in Augustine & Co.'s orchard, and I must say it is a marvel, being perfect in form and healthy, and bearing all the fruit it can safely carry. The Sudduth Pear orchard of something like one hundred trees, put out last year by Mr. Schaeffer, of Normal, is a thing of beauty.

M. H. HAMILTON,

(Cashier of First National Bank of Normal.)

I have also seen the Sudduth Pear tree in bearing, and saw the younger trees referred to by Mr. Hamilton, and am glad to bear testimony to the same statement.

J. W. ALDRICH,

(President First National Bank of Normal.)

I am acquainted with the facts as stated above by Mr. Hamilton and fully concur in the same.

R. G. BRIGHT, *Stockman and Farmer, Normal, Ill.*

I have just seen on the grounds of Captain Augustine, in Normal, a Sudduth Pear tree, eight years old, that has on it more fruit than there is on all of twenty other trees in its immediate neighborhood. Besides the tree is larger and more beautiful than the others which are a year older. It is no longer a question whether the Sudduth Pear is a success.

DR. EDWIN C. HEWITT,

(Ex-President Illinois State Normal University.)

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, July, 1899.

We have seen the pear trees referred to by Dr. E. C. Hewitt and heartily concur in his statement regarding the good points of the Sudduth.

P. A. COEN, *Druggist and Stationer.*

PROF. E. A. FRITTER, *Supt. Public Schools, Normal, Ill.*

WESLEY GRINSTEAD, *Retired Farmer.*

J. W. CRIGLER, *Dentist.*

W. P. McMURRY, *Fruit Grower, Normal, Ill.*

(Copied from *Farmers' Voice*, July 15, '99.)

MAGNOLIA, ILLINOIS, July 1, '99.

*Editor Farmers' Voice:*

So many inquiries have come to me in regard to the Sudduth Pear, which has been advertised by Augustine & Co., of Normal, Ill., in the *Voice*, that I desire you to state that I have just visited the locality where the original tree stands on the Sudduth farm; had a long talk with Mr. Sudduth in regard to the history of the fruit; also talked with several others of the leading citizens of the locality, and I am fully satisfied that the published statement in regard to the constant bearing of the old trees and the entire freedom from blight is correct.

In regard to the crop this year I will say I first saw an eight-year-old tree which was loaded with fruit. In the same lot there were about 20 other pear trees of about the same age. The Sudduth, in my judgment, had almost as much fruit on as all the rest. The old tree, about eighty years old and badly broken by storms, is loaded with a fine crop of pears. This is true of the 48-year-old trees on Mr. Knights' and adjoining farms. But the most beautiful sight is found in Mr. Sudduth's yard, where there are six eight-year-old Sudduth trees, beautiful in shape and vigorous in growth, the limbs already bending down with their loads of fruit. During the day we saw many other kinds of pear trees and on almost every tree could be seen the ill effects of blight in the various stages, but the closest scrutiny failed to show a single blighted leaf or branch on about one hundred and fifty Sudduth trees we examined, although in several instances they were growing side by side of blighted trees.

OLIVER WILSON,

(Master of Illinois State Grange.)



"It is no longer a question whether the Sudduth Pear is a success."

One eight-year-old Sudduth Pear tree had as much fruit as twenty other trees of the same age.



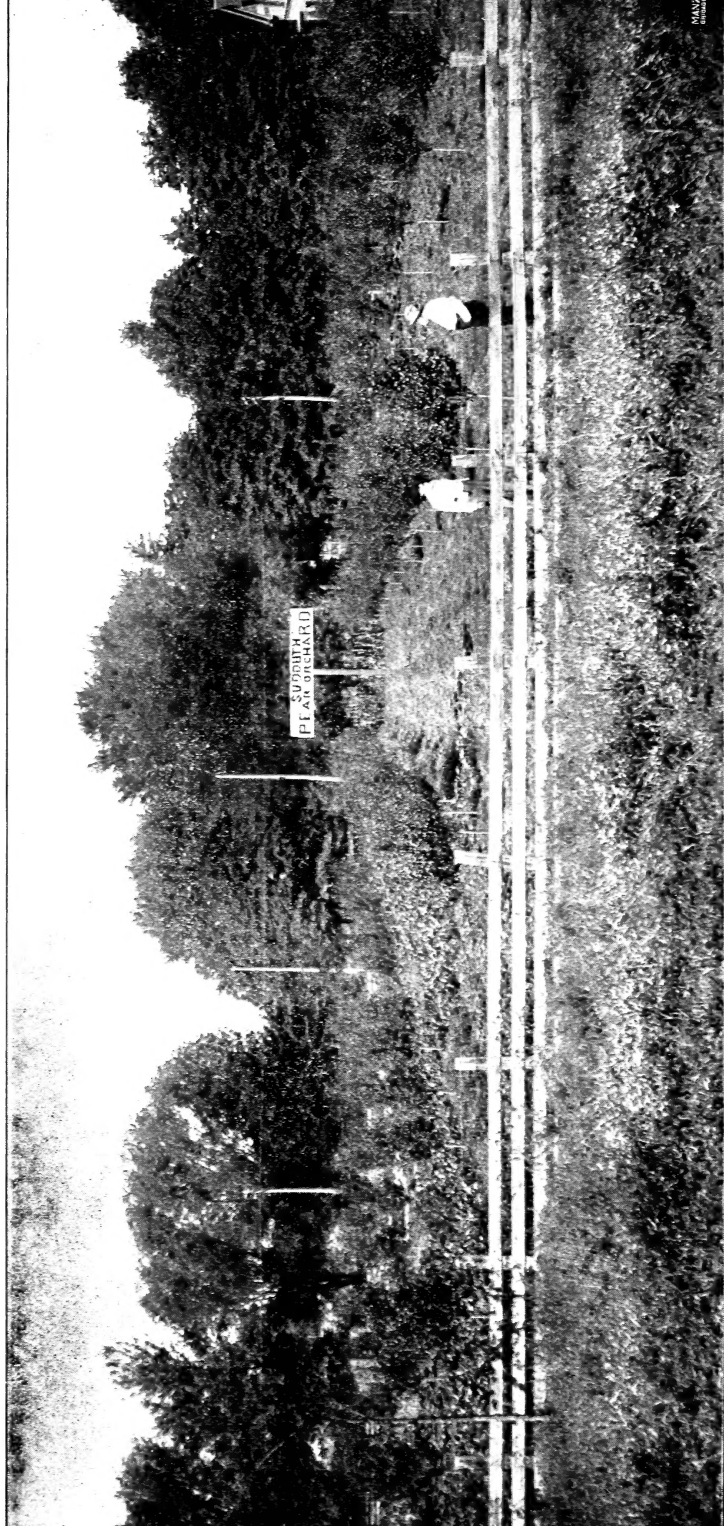


**A SUDDUTH PEAR TREE SIX YEARS OLD.**

Measuring 14 inches in circumference one foot above the ground, grafted by us in the spring of 1889, and transplanted from the nursery in 1891, showing the natural formation of the Sudduth trees. Photograph taken in the fall of 1896.

## References by Permission.

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Prof. C. M. Moss, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois.  
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**ORCHARD OF 120 SUDDUTH PEAR TREES GROWING IN PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE PART OF NORMAL.**

Two Years Old. Owned by H. J. Schaeffer. Photograph Taken August 18, 1900.